

nity to interest young men. Associate together a few young men of the society, who are congenial, assign to them special work for their fellows, hold them responsible, and it is surprising what results will often follow. Banding young men together as young men in and thru the Christian Endeavor Society opens up avenues of boundless usefulness. For instance, consider work among commercial travellers, ushering, invitation work on the streets and at the hotels, visitation of the sick, men's prayer-meetings, the management of the gymnasium and reading-room, the formation of cycle and athletic clubs, etc. To actualize brotherliness in the church, what a grand thing it would be if Christian young men in church services and other meetings would act as "The Welcomers," as they are called in the pleasant Sunday afternoon men's Bible classes, found in many places in England. Their instructions are to shake hands all around, to find their visitors places, and to make them feel at home. After all, the secret of winning and holding young men is summed up in one sentence—give them something to do. The principle of Comenius, which has wrought wonders in modern education, applies here: "We learn by doing."

Third, let the church invite them. In manifold ways this is being done, but the genuine manifestation of a right royal welcome to young men is still sadly absent in many churches. Where the spirit of Christ prevails, there the welcome will be given.

In the great cathedral of Copenhagen is the world renowned figure of Christ, by Thorwaldsen, who was originally a poor boy the son of a poor boat builder, of Jutland, but who became the greatest sculptor of the Christian ages. The church is full of that ineffable figure. Thorwaldsen wrought it in marble, and devoted it and the twelve colossal apostles, found in the same cathedral, to the idea of Christianity. The great artist intended to represent Christ as saying, as the pedestal testifies: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

On the dais leading to the altar is a font held by an entreating angel. The statue is by the same mighty artist. As you look at the majestic figure of Christ, it seems as if the artist had seized the whole idea of the Christ: "Come unto me." So, in the figure of the angel, he seized the whole idea of the church, as if the angel of baptism were the angel of invitations, and the conception is that of the whole church, entreating the world to come to Christ—the Christ over her as the spirit, and she the human pleader. The angel in her spotless and wonderful beauty seems to put into transcendent life the action of the words of the text: "The Spirit and the Bride say, Come." The Bride says, "Come." Ah, there is the true idea of the church—that the church is the angel of invitations, that the church exists, not to denounce, not to make creeds, but with a tender heart, and with a beseeching eye and lip,

to persuade men to come to Christ. She only exists for one purpose—to set forth, and to call men to, Christ.

As the church, the Sunday school and Christian Endeavor Society are true to this supreme purpose, young men will be reached.

## The Mission Field

### Washington Mission Directory

Preaching every Lord's Day—11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., in National Bank Building, 316 Pennsylvania Ave., S. E.  
Pastor's residence.—315 Ninth St., S. E.

### Chicago Mission

After two weeks' hard wrestle with the worst case of la grippe, I am again able to be at my work, somewhat weak, but getting stronger every day. The work, however, has not stopped, for Sister Gibbons has kept it moving. Our meeting last Wednesday night was a very blessed one, at which a promising young man, of a nice family was baptized. Our Wednesday evening meetings are among the best we have.

We expect to move soon, as we think we have discovered a cause for our ailments the past winter. We have been living just across the alley from the Yerke Power House where they consume three thousand six hundred gallons of oil every day, and the very great oscillation from the powerful engines and the essential oils distilled in the process of consumption and freed in the atmosphere to be inhaled by the people, can not but be deleterious to health. Will announce our address in our next, but letters addressed to our present number will reach us at any time.

I wish to announce as I have done several times before, to all who send money for the missions, that I would very much prefer for you, dear friends, to send the money direct to brother J. C. Cassel, 915 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa. It will very much facilitate the work of the Board in making up our reports, and will enable us to be more systematic. Of course if it is not convenient for you to do so, we will cheerfully receive, receipt and report, as we have done. I am very busy with my work here and the correspondence necessary in our mission and evangelistic work, and it will be better for me to receipt direct to our secretary, for all money intended for the Chicago work. We, I assure you brethren, are running everything on very economical lines, and we think the Board will be able to give a good and satisfactory report at the end of the year.

We are still needing tracts, but hope now very soon to get the ones we have announced, printed. Everything of that character now goes thru the hands of the committee on Literature, which has caused some delay, but it will be better that literature go forth with the stamp of the authority of the church and her full sanction.

We acknowledge the following sums received for our tract work since our last report: Mr. and Mrs. Lichty, \$1.00. Mary A. Meyers, \$1.00. Blanche Dagne, \$1.00.

Chas. Hesse, \$1.00. Formerly acknowledged, \$2.50, total, \$6.50. We wish to thank the friends for their liberality in helping us to get out some tracts.

### NOTICE

I will consider it a favor, if you will send all money for the tract fund, also direct to brother J. C. Cassel, manager of the Publishing House. But in sending money for the tract fund be sure and mention the fact in your letter. I request this as a matter of business and also because I will not have time to attend to it. I will necessarily have to be away from home quite a little, and my time is so nearly all taken up with my work. It is also desired by your Board to get everything going in as perfect a system as possible. I did think when I first requested donations for publishing tracts, that I would attend to that part of the work myself, as I know Brother Cassel is a very busy man also, but I find now that it will take up more of my time than I can spare, and it would not be just the system the Board wish to get into operation. One thing the Brethren church has lacked and does seriously lack now, is systematic ways of doing things, and another thing we lack is organization according to the gospel. Let us put our shoulders to the wheel and correct these evils. Carelessness in electing officers, men who are not consecrated to that source can be attributed more failures in our weak churches than a lack of money. This is true among the ministry as well as among the other officers in the church. In our mission work here I find two things that indicate a state of conversion on the part of those who join us: i. e. First a love for Bible reading, second, a spirit of prayerfulness. Those kind go right to work. And a Christian that works "at it," is not going to backslide. Praise the Lord, we have of them here. When I am stronger I will write more. Pray for us, brethren, that God may give us of the Holy Spirit's power, more and more.

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### Washington City Echoes

Buffalo Bill is making "no small stir" in our city at this time, and I have just been thinking how easily the people part with their money on such occasions. And why is it? Because they really want to do so, that is all. O, for such an intense, burning desire among God's professing people to give to the demand of his Word! What a change it would make in everything! Lord, grant that many, many more that call themselves Christians may be renewed so that they may give because they really want to give, and not because they must! Missions, colleges, and all other good work will flourish then.

The past week has been one of severe trial in some respect; we were sometimes "perplexed" but not in "despair," for even tho the clouds may be dark and heavy, yet we can always behold with faith's piercing eye some sweet rays of light, and tho the mutterings of the tempest, still hear the glad-